

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A monitoring system in a motor vehicle, for detecting an incorrectly locked detent connection between a gas bag module (10) and a vehicle-fixed ~~component,~~ component comprising:

~~comprising~~ first and second detent elements (14, 16) complementary to each other, said first detent element (14) being arranged on said vehicle-fixed component, said second detent element (16) being secured to said gas bag module (10);

~~characterized in that~~ a signal circuit (24) including a switch (30) ~~is provided,~~ said switch (30) having first and second contact elements (26, 28) which are part of a switch (30) arranged in said signal circuit (24), said signal circuit (24) generating a monitoring warning signal being generated indicating an incorrectly locked detent connection when said switch (30) is closed and

said contact elements (26, 28) being in electrical contact with each other, ~~with~~ and said switch (30) being closed ~~in~~ to provide the monitoring warning signal only when an incorrectly locked state of said first and second detent elements (14, 16) are incorrectly locked only.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) A monitoring system in a motor vehicle, for detecting an incorrectly locked detent

connection between a gas bag module (10) and a vehicle-fixed component,

comprising first and second detent elements (14, 16) complementary to each other,

wherein a signal circuit (24) is provided, having first and second contact elements (26, 28) which are part of a switch (30) arranged in said signal circuit (24), a monitoring signal being generated when said switch (30) is closed and

said contact elements (26, 28) being in electrical contact with each other, with said switch (30) being closed in an incorrectly locked state of said first and second detent elements (14, 16) only, ~~The monitoring system according to claim 1, characterized in that~~ wherein said monitoring signal is an acoustic signal.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A monitoring system in a motor vehicle, for detecting an incorrectly locked detent connection between a gas bag module (10) and a vehicle-fixed component,

comprising first and second detent elements (14, 16) complementary to each other,

wherein a signal circuit (24) is provided, having first and second contact elements (26, 28) which are part of a switch (30) arranged in said signal circuit (24), a monitoring signal being generated when said switch (30) is closed and

said contact elements (26, 28) being in electrical contact with each other, with said switch (30) being closed in an incorrectly locked state of said first and second detent

~~elements (14, 16) only, The monitoring system according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein~~ said signal circuit (24) is part of a horn circuit.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The monitoring system according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ said signal circuit (24) is supplied by a battery (34) of said vehicle.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) A monitoring system in a motor vehicle, for detecting an incorrectly locked detent connection between a gas bag module (10) and a vehicle-fixed component,

comprising first and second detent elements (14, 16) complementary to each other,

wherein a signal circuit (24) is provided, having first and second contact elements (26, 28) which are part of a switch (30) arranged in said signal circuit (24), a monitoring signal being generated when said switch (30) is closed and

said contact elements (26, 28) being in electrical contact with each other, with said switch (30) being closed in an incorrectly locked state of said first and second detent elements (14, 16) only, The monitoring system according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein said first detent element (14) is a metal part fastened on one of said vehicle-fixed component and said gas bag module (10), said metal part being partially surrounded by an electrical insulation (150).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) The monitoring system according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said second detent element (16) is formed by at least one detent hook fastened on one of said gas bag module (10) and said vehicle-fixed component.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The monitoring system according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said first contact element (26) is formed by said first detent element (14).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The monitoring system according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said first contact element is formed by a metal sheet fastened on one of said gas bag module (10) and said vehicle-fixed component (13).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) A monitoring system in a motor vehicle, for detecting an incorrectly locked detent connection between a gas bag module (10) and a vehicle-fixed component,

comprising first and second detent elements (14, 16) complementary to each other,

wherein a signal circuit (24) is provided, having first and second contact elements (26, 28) which are part of a switch (30) arranged in said signal circuit (24), a monitoring signal being generated when said switch (30) is closed and

said contact elements (26, 28) being in electrical contact with each other, with said switch (30) being closed in an incorrectly locked state of said first and second detent elements (14, 16) only, The monitoring system according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein said second contact element (28) is a metal sheet fastened on one of said gas bag module (10) and said vehicle-fixed component.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A monitoring system in a motor vehicle, for detecting an incorrectly locked detent connection between a gas bag module (10) and a vehicle-fixed component, comprising first and second detent elements (14, 16) complementary to each other, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ a signal circuit (124) is provided, having first and second contact elements (126, 128) which are part of a first switch (130) arranged in said signal circuit (124), said signal circuit (124) comprising a second switch (36) which is open in a basic state and is connected in series with said first switch (130), said contact elements (126, 128) being in electrical contact with each other in a correctly locked state of said detent elements (14, 16) only, so that said first switch (130) is closed and said signal circuit (124) can be closed by closing said second switch (36).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The monitoring system according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ said signal circuit (124) is part of a horn circuit and said second switch (36) is formed by horn contacts (128, 38).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The monitoring system according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said first contact element (126) is formed by a metal sheet fastened on one of said gas bag module (10) and said vehicle-fixed component.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) The monitoring system according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said first contact element (126) is formed by said first detent element (14).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) The monitoring system according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said first detent element (14) is a metal part fastened on one of said vehicle-fixed component and said gas bag module (10).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) The monitoring system according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said second contact element (128) is a metal sheet fastened on one of said gas bag module (10) and said vehicle-fixed component.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended) The monitoring system according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said signal circuit (124) is supplied by a battery (34) of said vehicle.

Claim 17 (New) The monitoring system according to claim 1, wherein said monitoring signal is a visual signal.